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My Government is anxious to encourage expansion such as Jack Gitsham outlined for us, because only with security of employment will South Australia be able to progress. That security of employment must depend on diversity of industries and job opportunities.

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My congratulations to your company on its plans. I am sure that when the extensions are completed there will be very many more firms throughout Australia buying Gitsham bodies for their trucks and that Adelaide will be an even more important centre in the road transport engineering industry than it already is.

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